



Alyce Josephine Sawtelle

March 21, 2017

Alyce Josephine Sawtelle, 87, of Lititz, PA, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at her home. She was born in Lemoyne, PA. Alyce had worked at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Ephrata, PA during her earlier years, and for many years after, she ran a day care center in her home. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, loved animals, and playing with children, especially her grandchildren. Surviving are her children; Gwendolyn C. Eckman, Juanita M. Schichtel, and David H. Sawtelle; her grandchildren, Michelle, Christopher, Patience, Rachel, and Rebecca; and 5 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters. Private services will be at the convenience of the family. Visit Alyce's Memory Page at www.thegroffs.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Alyce Josephine Sawtelle*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Malana Winsor - March 23, 2017 at 07:30 AM



"Grammy" was and always will be one the most influential people to ever grace the lives of my children. No matter how many times we would tell her how much she meant to us she'd just laugh and hug us all. I could have never asked for a better person to be such a huge part of my children's lives. She will always be loved by us all and remembered forever. Until we see each other again continue to watch over all the children whose lives you blessed with your love. We love you very much!

Malana Winsor - March 23, 2017 at 07:33 AM



*There is nothing I could add to Malana's note. Grammy was always there for Amber and our family
She was also very good at crocheting. She has made us some beautiful dollies and I loved her dishcloths. Bill used the Santa bag she madd gor him. We know that shd is st peace with the God she loved*

Alana Neely - March 23, 2017 at 07:49 AM

MI

“*Josie Sawtelle or "Grammy" as she was known to so many was not famous nor will go down in the history books but because of the impact she had on so so many lives, she should.*

She told me a story once about when she was at bible college. Some of the kids decided to go boating and one of her classmates, a naughty boy, decided to rock the boat gram was in. She fell out of the boat and unfortunately did not know how to swim. She went under the water and at that moment prayed to God that if now was her time, then she was ready to come home to him. But God was not ready for her. He knew that he had so many other plans for her and that her impact would touch so many children's lives during the next 70 years of her life.

She loved children more than anything in this world and caring for them gave her great joy. She didn't see it as a job.... for her it was an opportunity to give love. She even cared for one child for years. Both of this child's parents were intellectually disabled and they dropped off the child every day to my grandmother covered in her own filth. When they picked her up at the end of the day, the child was clean and fed and loved. Not once did she complain. She loved caring for this girl. This is one of a hundred stories about my grandmother and the children whose lives she touched.

God did not take her home that day in bible college because he had a much bigger plan for her to have an amazing, positive impact on countless children. I love her so much and will be forever grateful for the impact she has had on my childhood and my life. She shaped who I am and started me off on a successful life by giving me the love and education I needed to achieve.

Grammy I love you so much. This is not good bye but so long for now until we can be together again when I join you in heaven. I will miss you dearly and look forward to when we can be together again.

Michelle - March 22, 2017 at 05:03 PM

JB

Beautifully put Michelle, you can tell you spoke from your heart how much you loved and respected her and all the love and respect she show to others! She set a very good example in this world!! Love,dad

Jim Bandy - March 22, 2017 at 08:25 PM

DN

So sweet and true, Michelle. The Lord used her in so many lives and her prayers for our family, her nieces and nephews were so faithful and dear.

We will miss her. I'm so thankful we had that chance to see her last month, that her mind was clear and I could say a proper goodbye. The Lord is gracious. She's with her Lord and her family in heaven, including my Mom. I love you, Aunt Jo!

Debbie Hastings, Neice - March 22, 2017 at 11:39 PM

LI

Grammy shared that same story with me. We are forever grateful for having the time we shared with her. Although my kids were not a "blood" relative she made them feel loved and started their lives off in the best way possible while I worked. I as well as my kids will miss her, she has impacted our world for the better. Thank you for sharing this story again.

Liz - March 23, 2017 at 10:07 AM

SA

Every year at our office, we have a special client who is one of the sweetest and most gentle of young ladies--Josie Sawtelle. Once a year, she brings us something that she has crocheted or knitted and we feel blessed by this act of kindness. I was just sitting here at my desk and looking at one of her items and thinking that we have not seen her this year. It could only mean one thing. So I have found this page. I am so happy to know that she was surrounded by love and family who treasured her. Josie is already missed. She has left her mark on this world. And we are all better for having known her. Sandy Adams

Sandy Adams - April 01, 2017 at 09:18 PM



This is heartbreaking for me I've been thinking about her all year and I'm just finding out. Words can't express how much she meant, influence me, guided me, protected me, taught me, loved me, she was truly like a second mom God put the into my life to save me which she did. She is the nicest woman I've ever met. She has a great purpose and I feel she fulfilled it with grace. She watched me from I was 1 till I was 12/13 she is the best (as I sit here eating a peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich) she made those perfect. Just keep watching me till we meet again Grammy. Xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo

Courtney Ledgister - September 27, 2017 at 09:34 AM